

# **Toronto-Danforth-East York French Immersion Pathways Public Information Meeting**

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM



# Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes accueillis sur les terres des Mississaugas des Anichinabés, de la Confédération Haudenosaunee et du Wendat. Nous voulons également reconnaître la pérennité de la présence des Premières Nations, des Métis et des Inuit.

## Agenda

1	Welcome, Land Acknowledgment, and Introductions	Roni Felsen, System SOE
2	How to Participate in Zoom Webinar & Virtual Meeting Norms	Daniel Castaldo, System Planning Officer (Interim)
3	Purpose of the Meeting and Background	Daniel Castaldo, System Planning Officer (Interim)
4	Overview of the Schools Involved	Hafsa Hasan, Planner
5	French Curriculum & Program Information	Angela Caccamo, Centrally Assigned Principal
6	Next Steps	Angela Caccamo, Centrally Assigned Principal
7	Comments, Questions, and Answers	Nechama Hirschberg, Planning Manager
8	Wrap-up and Adjournment	Roni Felsen, System SOE

# Introductions

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**Bryan Wires**, Principal, Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute

**Stephen Morris**, Principal, East York Collegiate Institute

**Aaron Gotfryd**, Principal, Malvern Collegiate Institute

**Barbara Nixon**, Principal, Leaside High School

**Sacha Bozabalian**, Principal, D A Morrison MS

**Roni Felsen**, System SOE, Secondary Programs and eLearning

**Angela Caccamo**, Centrally Assigned Principal, Learning Transformation and Equity, French Language Programs, Classical & International Languages (K-12), French Review

**Liliana Martins**, Program Coordinator, French Language Programs, Classical & International Languages (K-12)

**Daniel Castaldo**, System Planning Officer (Interim), Planning Department

**Nechama Hirschberg**, Manager, Planning Department

**Hafsa Hasan**, Planner, Planning Department

**Daniel Stojc**, Planner, Planning Department

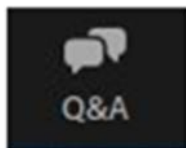
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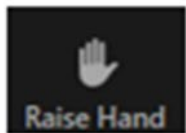
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# Purpose of the Meeting and Background

Daniel Castaldo, System Planning Officer

# Context

- The Toronto-Danforth area is home to several middle and secondary schools experiencing growing enrolment and accommodation pressures.
- A study was undertaken to determine a solution to address area accommodation pressures, particularly at D A Morrison MS and Malvern CI, and to better align students with a closer French Immersion program.
- As the Extended French programs were phased out board-wide, due to accommodation and enrolment pressures at Riverdale CI, the decision was made to begin a new French Immersion program at Danforth CTI.
- The Danforth CTI French Immersion program will accommodate the Middle French Immersion (MFI) program from Queen Alexandra MS, Westwood MS, Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS, and Earl Grey Sr PS.
- We are holding this meeting to share information about the changes to the French Immersion pathways and allow the opportunity for the community to ask questions.





# Overview of the Schools Involved

Hafsa Hasan, Planner

# Overview of the Middle Schools

	Valley Park MS	DA Morrison MS	Cosburn MS
<b>2024/25 Enrolment (Oct 31st)</b>	1020	671	491
<b>School Capacity</b>	1070	579	626
<b>Utilization</b>	95%	116%	78%
<b>Programs</b>	Regular Program Middle French Immersion Special Education: MID	Regular Program Early French Immersion Special Education: Autism, DD	Regular Program Early French Immersion Middle French Immersion Special Education: Autism, MID

# Overview of the Secondary Schools

	Danforth C&TI	East York CI	Malvern CI	Leaside HS
<b>2024/25 Enrolment (Oct 31st)</b>	1503	1092	1138	1117
<b>School Capacity</b>	1539	1515	852	894
<b>Utilization</b>	98%	72%	134%	125%
<b>Programs</b>	Regular Program Central Student Interest Program: MST Special Education: ASD, DD, LD	Regular Program French Immersion Special Education: DD	French Extended* French Immersion	Regular Program French Extended* French Immersion

**\*Note:** The Extended French Program is currently phasing out. There is no new Grade 9 Extended French as of September 2025.

# Current Pathways

EFI (JK Entry)	Entry School	Middle School	Secondary School
	Blake St Jr PS	Earl Grey Sr PS	Malvern CI
	Jackman Ave Jr PS		
	Withrow Ave Jr PS		
	Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS	Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS	
	Morse St Jr PS		
	Dundas Jr PS	Queen Alexandra Sr PS	
	Earl Beatty Jr & Sr PS	DA Morrison MS	East York CI
	Earl Haig PS		
	Fraser Mustard ELA		
	RH McGregor ES	Cosburn MS	Leaside HS
MFI (Grade 4 Entry)	Presteign Heights PS	Gordon A Brown MS	Malvern CI
	Diefenbaker ES	Cosburn MS	Leaside HS

- The following schools in the table will undergo a pathway change. If your child's school is not in this table, the pathway has not changed.

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	Morse St Jr PS		
	Dundas Jr PS	Queen Alexandra Sr PS	
	Earl Beatty Jr & Sr PS	DA Morrison MS	East York CI
	Earl Haig PS		
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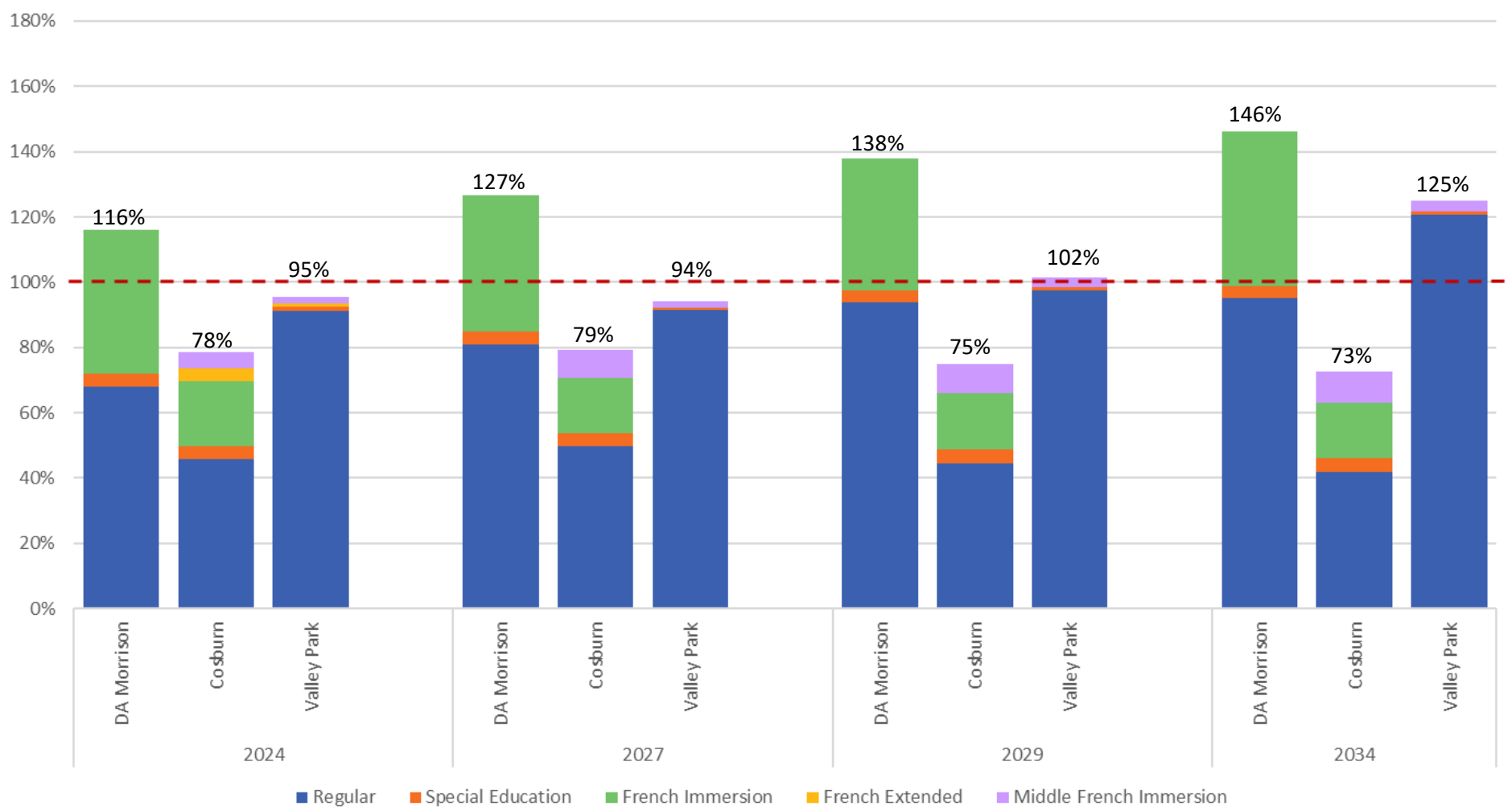
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# Changes to Pathways

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	Withrow Ave Jr PS		
	Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS	Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS	
	Morse St Jr PS		
	Dundas Jr PS	Queen Alexandra Sr PS	
	Earl Beatty Jr & Sr PS	Cosburn MS	East York CI
	Earl Haig PS		
	Fraser Mustard ELA	Thornccliffe Park ES - Valley Park MS	Leaside HS
RH McGregor ES	Cosburn MS	East York CI	
MFI (Grade 4 Entry)	Presteign Heights PS	Gordon A Brown MS	East York CI
	Diefenbaker ES	Cosburn MS	

- Changes are highlighted in **yellow**.
- These changes will be implemented starting **September 2027**.

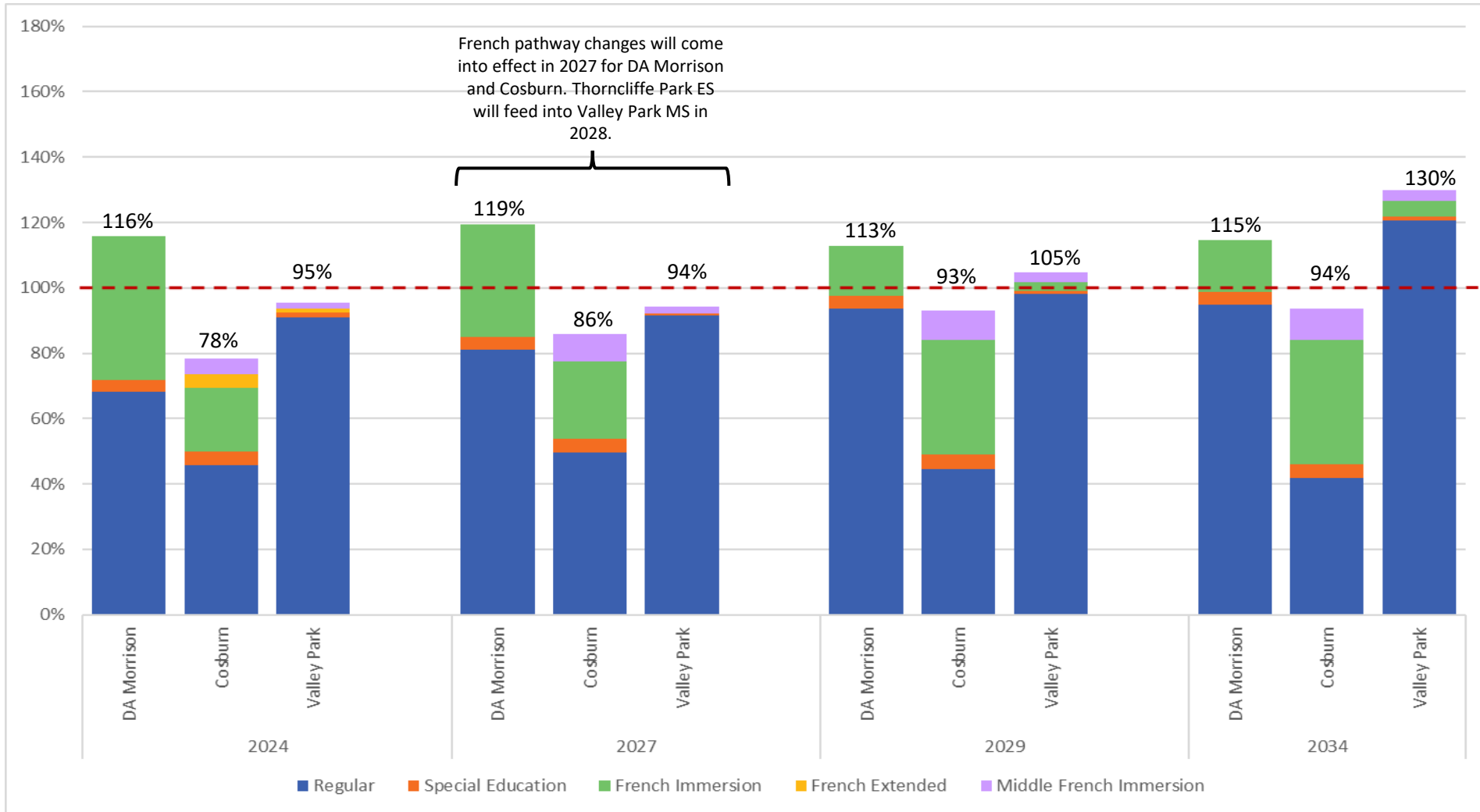
# Current and Projected Enrolment – Middle Schools



Capacity: DA Morrison = 579 pp | Cosburn = 626 pp | Valley Park = 1070 pp

pp = pupil place

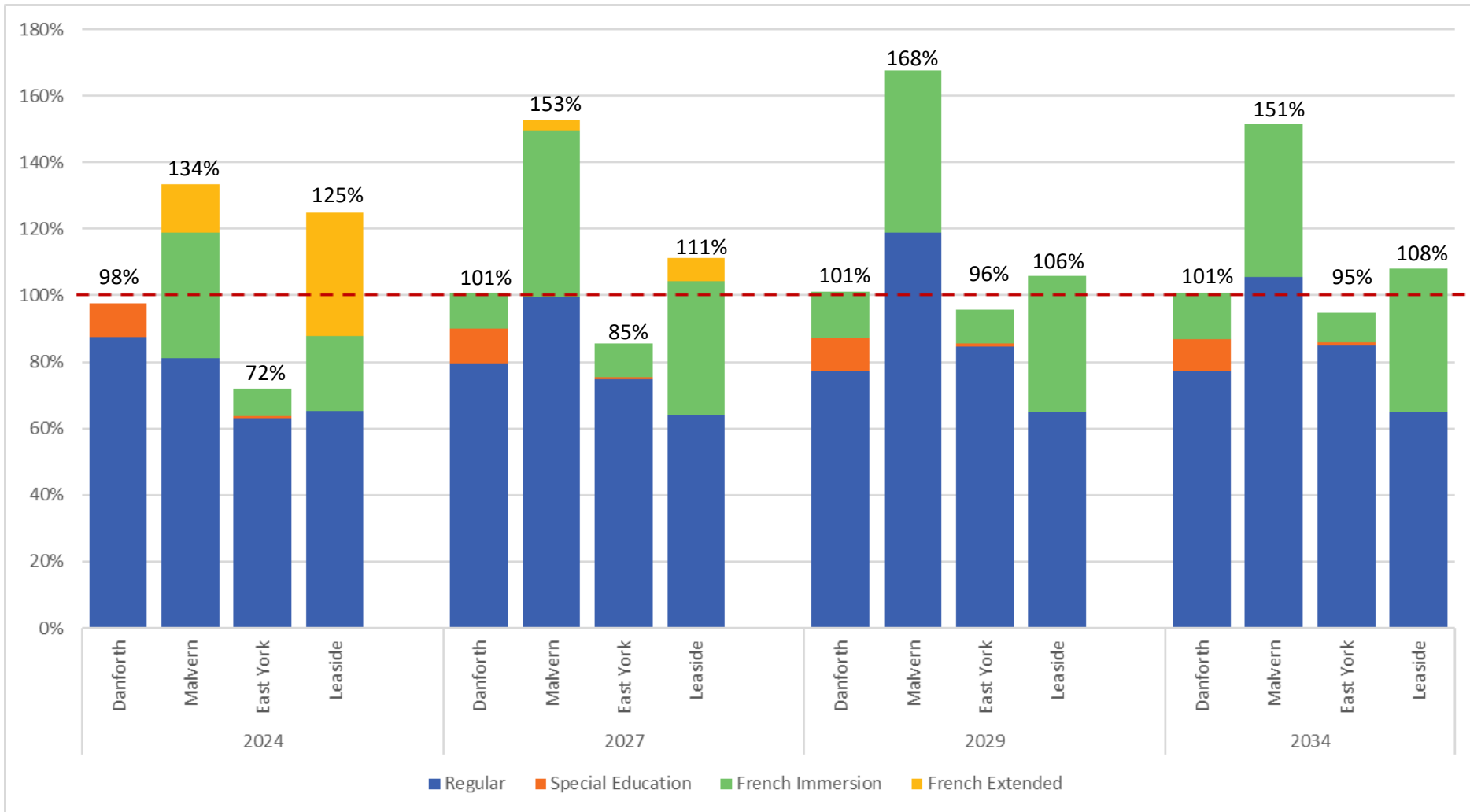
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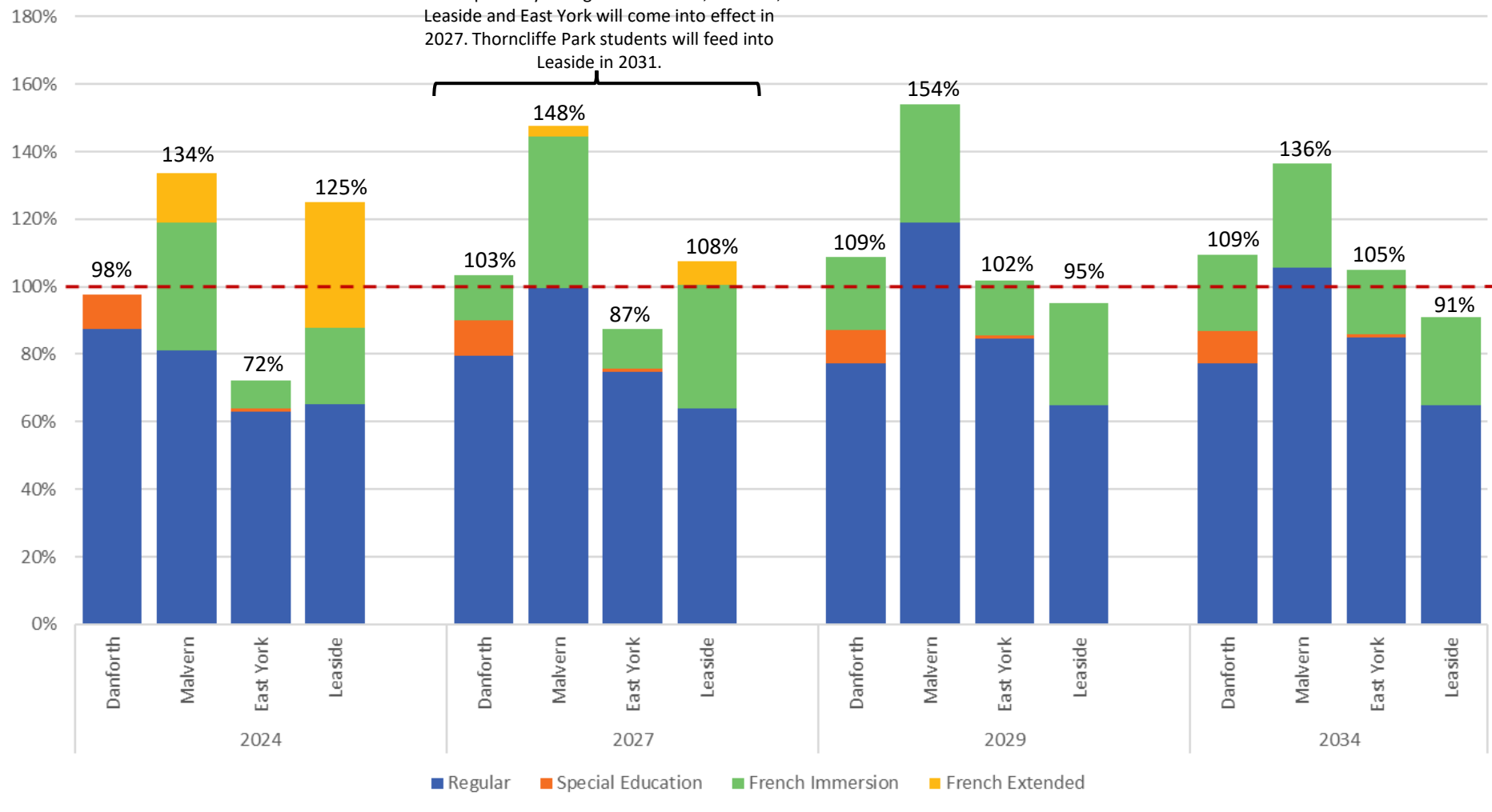
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Capacity: Danforth = 1539 pp | Malvern = 852 pp | East York = 1515 pp | Leaside = 894 pp

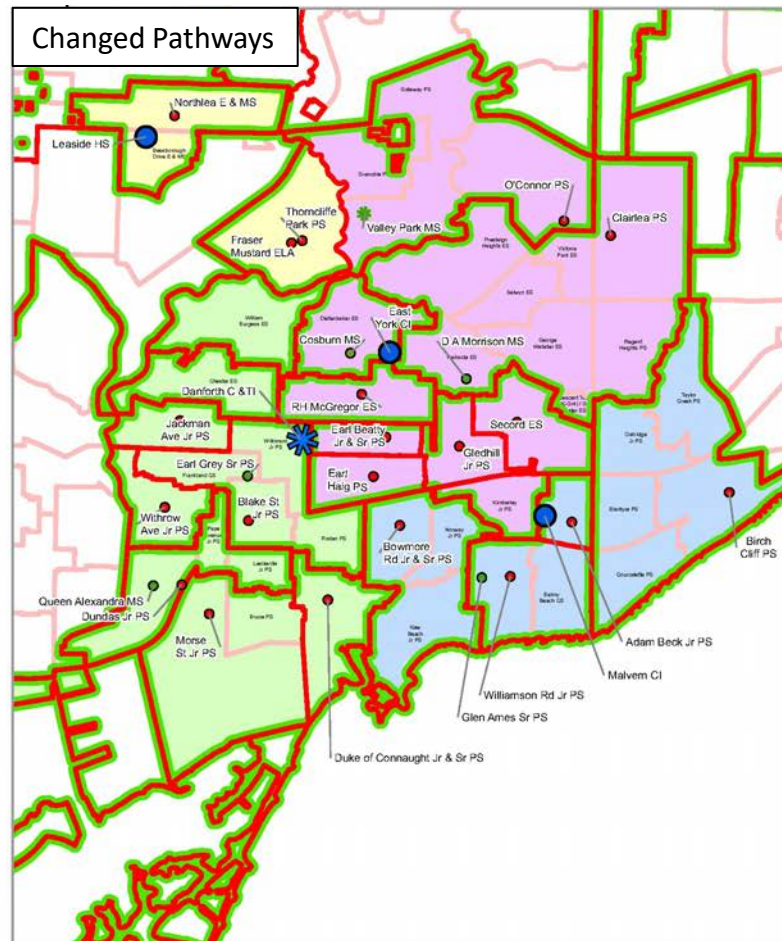
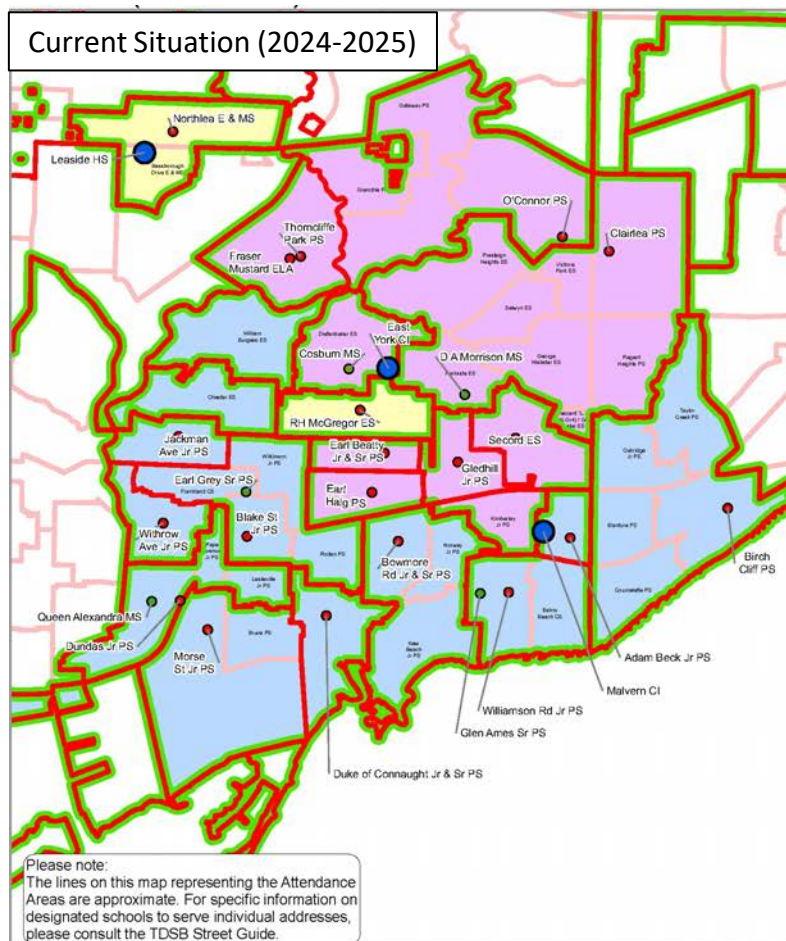
# Pathway Change Projected Enrolment – Secondary Schools

French pathway changes at Danforth, Malvern, Leaside and East York will come into effect in 2027. Thorncliffe Park students will feed into Leaside in 2031.



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# Early French Immersion Boundary Maps



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Early French Immersion Program

- FSL Elementary Program
- FSL Intermediate Program Only
- FSL Secondary Program Only

- Junior Attendance Area
- FI Junior Attendance Area
- FI Intermediate Attendance Area
- Ward Boundary

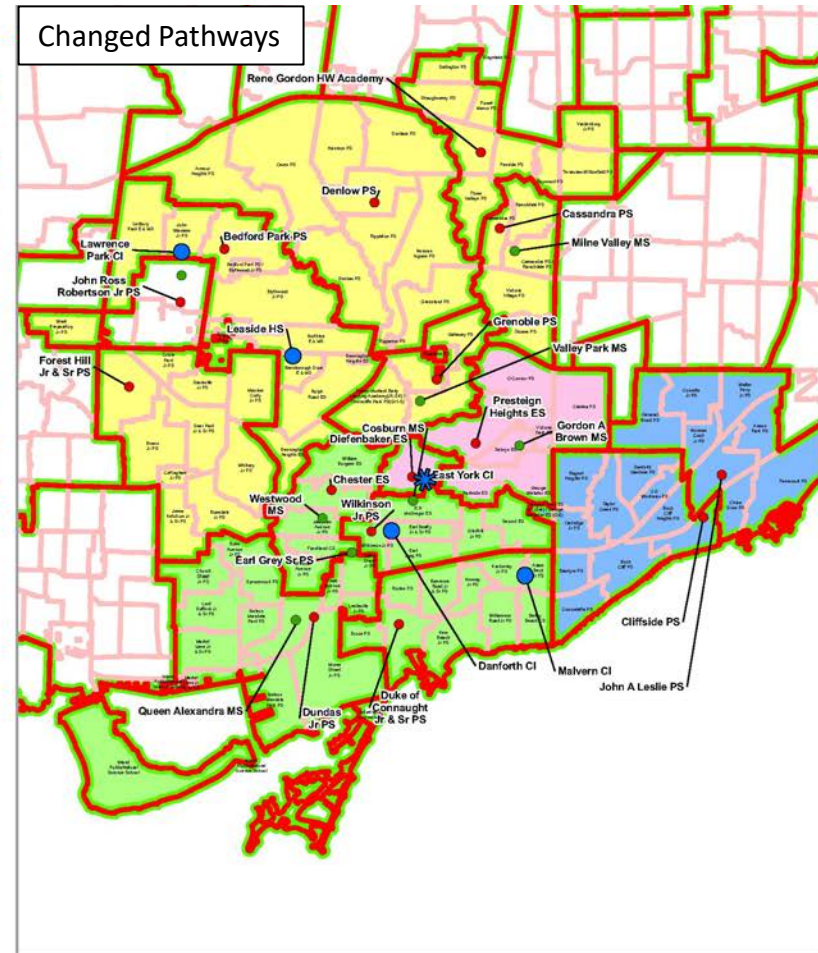
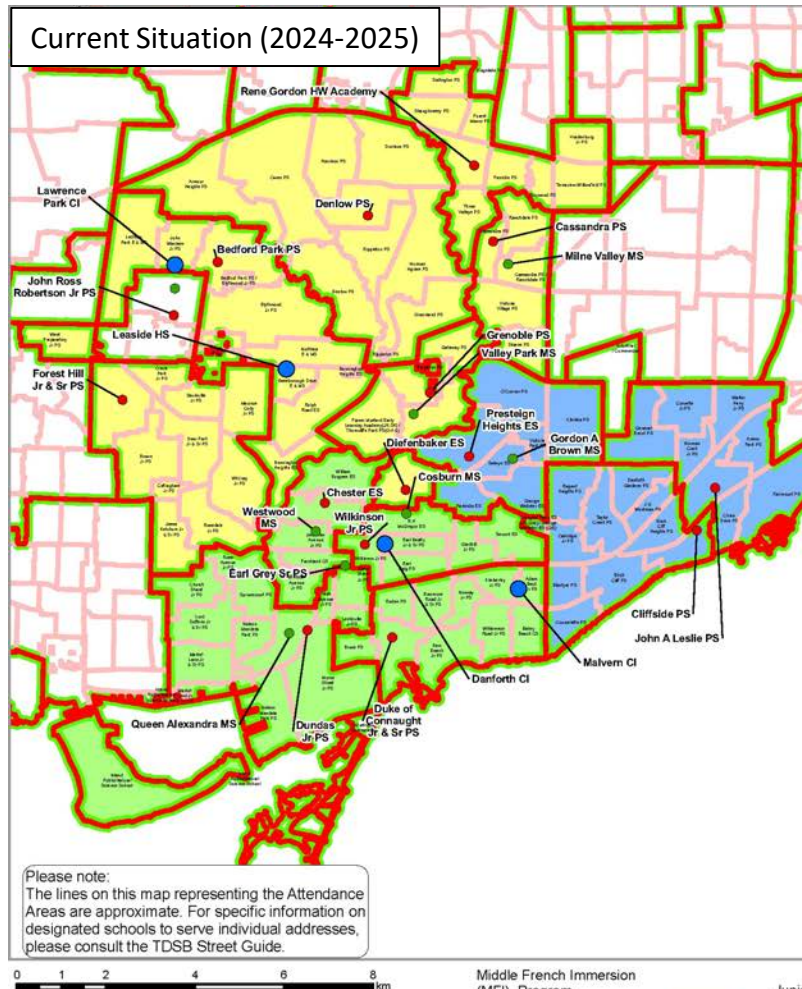
- ✱ Proposed New FSL Intermediate Program
- ✱ Proposed FSL Secondary Program

FI Early Immersion Secondary Attendance Area

- Danforth CI
- Leaside HS
- East York CI
- Malvern CI



# Middle French Immersion Boundary Maps



Middle French Immersion (MFI) Program

- MFI Elementary Program
- MFI Intermediate Program Only
- MFI Secondary Program Only

Junior Attendance Area

- MFI Junior Attendance Area
- MFI Intermediate Attendance Area

Ward Boundary



Proposed MFI Secondary Program

Middle French Immersion Secondary Attendance Area

- Danforth CI
- East York CI
- Leaside HS
- Malvern CI



# **French Language Programs Information**

**Angela Caccamo, Centrally Assigned Principal**

# French Immersion – Curriculum & Program

- At the secondary level, students will study 4 credits in French Immersion French (FIF) and 6 credits in subjects taught in French.
- For the content subjects, students in French Immersion are taught based on the same curriculum documents that they would be in the English program except that the language of instruction is French.
- Courses and/or subjects offered in French will be determined by the school and based on the identified learning interests and needs of students.
- Students who successfully complete the French Immersion program are eligible for the Certificate of Bilingual Studies in French Immersion.

## Summary of Pathways

If your child is currently in **JK to Grade 3** at **Earl Beatty Jr & Sr PS** or **Earl Haig PS**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **Cosburn MS** (Grade 6) and **East York CI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 4 or 5** at **Earl Beatty Jr & Sr PS** or **Earl Haig PS**:

Their French Immersion pathway will remain **DA Morrison MS** (Grade 6) and **East York CI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently at **Fraser Mustard ELA** or **Thornccliffe Park PS**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **Valley Park MS** (Grade 6) and **Leaside HS** (Grade 9).

## Summary of Pathways

If your child is currently in secondary school (Grades 9-12): No Change

If your child is currently in **JK to Grade 6** at **Blake St Jr PS**, **Jackman Ave Jr PS**, or **Withrow Ave Jr PS**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **Earl Grey Sr PS** (Grade 7) and **Danforth CTI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 7 or 8** (Early Immersion) at **Earl Grey Sr PS**:

Their French Immersion pathway will remain **Malvern CI** (Grade 9).



## Summary of Pathways

If your child is currently in **JK to Grade 6** at **Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS** or **Morse St Jr PS**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS** (Grade 7) and **Danforth CTI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 7 or 8** (Early Immersion) at **Duke of Connaught Jr & Sr PS**:

Their French Immersion pathway will remain **Malvern CI** (Grade 9).

## Summary of Pathways

If your child is currently in **JK to Grade 5** at **Dundas Jr PS**:  
Their French Immersion pathway will be **Queen Alexandra MS** (Grade 6) and **Danforth CTI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 6** (Early Immersion) at **Queen Alexandra MS**:  
Their French Immersion pathway will be **Danforth CTI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 7 or 8** (Early Immersion) at **Queen Alexandra MS**:  
Their French Immersion pathway will remain **Malvern CI** (Grade 9).

# Summary of Pathways

If your child is currently in **JK to Grade 5** at **RH McGregor ES**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **Cosburn MS** (Grade 6) and **East York CI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grades 4 or 5** at **Diefenbaker ES (Middle French Immersion)**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **Cosburn MS** (Grade 6) and **East York CI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 6** at **Cosburn MS (Early or Middle Immersion)**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **East York CI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 7 or 8** at **Cosburn MS (Early or Middle Immersion)**:

Their French Immersion pathway will remain **Leaside HS** (Grade 9).

## Summary of Pathways

If your child is currently in **Grades 4 or 5** at **Presteign Heights PS (Middle French Immersion)**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **Gordon A Brown MS** (Grade 6) and **East York CI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 6** at **Gordon A Brown MS (Middle French Immersion)**:

Their French Immersion pathway will be **East York CI** (Grade 9).

If your child is currently in **Grade 7 or 8** at **Gordon A Brown MS (Middle French Immersion)**:

Their French Immersion pathway will remain **Malvern CI** (Grade 9).



# Timeline and Next Steps

**Angela Caccamo, Centrally Assigned Principal**

# Timelines and Next Steps

- **June 2025**
  - Send out pathway change letters as required
- **Sept 2027**
  - Middle and secondary school pathway changes take effect
- **Sept 2028**
  - Early French Immersion (EFI) pathway at Valley Park MS begins
- **Sept 2031**
  - Valley Park MS's EFI program will begin to feed into Leaside HS

# Comments, Questions, and Answers



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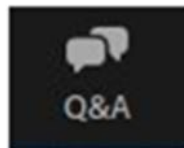
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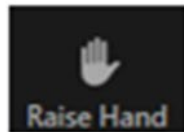
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Closing Date: June 10, 2025



